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**June 19, 2015**

***Come out! Bring the family!***

***Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett cordially invites you to***

**Montgomery County's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration**  
**Friday, June 19**  
**BlackRock Center for the Arts**  
**12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

6:15pm Doors open  
6:30pm Presentation of 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Legend Awards  
7:00pm Showing of 2014 award-winning film, Selma  
9:00pm Old Fashioned Juneteenth Barbeque Served

**Special Guest**



Ms. Willie Mackey King

The special guest for the evening is Ms. Willie Mackey King, a local Silver Spring resident and veteran from the 1960's Civil Right Movement who also served as Dr. Martin Luther King's secretary for four years. She deciphered notes from Dr. King that were smuggled from a Birmingham jail on napkins, toilet paper, newspapers and a greasy paper bag. . . not knowing that those notes were to be Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops finally arrived in Galveston, Texas to announce President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation officially ending slavery in every state in the Union. Dating back to 1865, it was on **June 19<sup>th</sup>** that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was **two and a half years after** President Lincoln's **Emancipation Proclamation** - which had become **official January 1, 1863**.

***The public is welcomed! Free event! Arrive early, limited seating!***

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### **Less Than Two Weeks Left for Low Income Residents to Sign Up for Free Bikeshare Membership**

Low income residents who meet eligibility requirements are encouraged to sign up for a free year of Capital Bikeshare membership that also includes free bike safety training, a helmet and route planning services. **The deadline is June 30.**

To encourage residents to sign up for the "JARC" - Job Access Reverse Commute program, MCDOT's Commuter Services has been working with non-profit organizations and agencies that serve the low income community, including Manna Food Center, Housing Opportunities Commission, Health and Human Services, Montgomery Works and Montgomery College. The grant-funded JARC program requires qualified individuals to sign up by the end of the month.

Those who currently receive assistance through any Montgomery County social services organizations - or who may qualify through other low income criteria - should contact Commuter Services by calling (240) 777-8380 or emailing [mcdot.CommuterServices@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.CommuterServices@montgomerycountymd.gov) for a registration form. Or, fill out the [online registration form](#).

Businesses and other organizations are also encouraged to contact Commuter Services if they have interested employees or clients. More information about [Bikeshare](#) and [Commuter Services](#) is available online.

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***The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Needs Your Input!***

**A Public Forum on Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

**Monday, July 13 7:00pm  
BlackRock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

County Executive Leggett and Citizens Advisory Boards invite you to this opportunity to learn about the CIP, provide input, and get answers to your questions. Participate in recommending capital needs within your region and throughout the county as the CIP is being developed for FY17-22 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022). ***Your input will help define construction and planning priorities!***

- Learn how your County government's facilities (roads and buildings) are developed.
- Provide input for projects to be considered in the future and help us set priorities.
- Get answers to your questions directly from various County departments about any project, the process, time-frame, and additional opportunities for community engagement.

***Something new!*** M-NCPPC Park Planning staff is looking for public input on their proposal for a cricket field for at least one of three parks - South Germantown and Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Parks, and/or Boyds Local Park. Staff wants to hear your thoughts before they take recommendations to the Planning Board on July 30, 2015.

If you have questions about the forum, contact Catherine Matthews, the Upcounty Regional Director, at 240-777-8040.

***Other forums scheduled:***

<b>Bethesda-Chevy Chase</b>	<b>Monday, June 22</b> , 7:00pm at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda (240-777-8200)
<b>Mid-County</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 23</b> , 7:00pm at the Mid-County Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring (240-777-8101 or 240-777-6820)
<b>Eastern County</b>	<b>Thursday, June 25</b> , 7:00pm at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring (240-777-8414)
<b>Silver Spring</b>	<b>Monday, June 29</b> , 7:00pm at the Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring (240-777-5307)

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**Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for 2 Positions on County Board of Appeals**

***Deadline to Submit Applications is 5 p.m. on Wed., July 22***

Duties of the Board of Appeals include hearing and deciding requests for variances from development standards contained in the Zoning Ordinance; hearing appeals from certain administrative decisions rendered by county government agencies; and hearing oral argument on decisions of the hearing examiner on conditional uses.

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14955](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14955)

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## **Council Holding Public Hearings on Four Expedited Bills re CIP**

**Tuesday, June 23 1:30pm  
Council Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Hearing Room  
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

The Montgomery County Council will hold public hearings on four expedited bills regarding special capital improvements projects. The four bills are:

- Expedited Bill 26-15 would authorize the planning, design and construction of the Montgomery County Public Schools and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Maintenance Facilities Relocation. It is Project No. 361109 in the Montgomery Village/Airpark Policy Area.
- Expedited Bill 27-15 would authorize the planning, design and construction of the Council Office Building Renovations. It is Project No. 010100 in the Rockville Town Center Policy Area.
- Expedited Bill 28-15 would authorize the planning, design and construction of the Snouffer School Road. It is Project No. 501109 in the Montgomery Village/Airpark Policy Area.
- Expedited Bill 29-15 would authorize the planning, design and construction of the Metropolitan Branch Trail. It is Project No. 501110 in the Silver Spring Central Business District Policy Area.

The meeting will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and can be viewed via streaming through the County web site at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

Sorry, the deadline for signing up to speak has passed. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the bill or go to: <http://tinyurl.com/pduvtv>.

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## **Councilmembers Introduce Bill, Inspired by Wheaton High School Students, to Extend Food Truck Hours Wheaton Innovation Lab Students Recommended Changes to County Law After Learning of Limited Hours Food Trucks Are Permitted to Operate**

Like in many jurisdictions around the nation, food trucks are a popular dining option for residents in Montgomery County. They are most prevalent in the County's downtown areas, office parks, town centers and urban districts. Some food trucks are extensions of local brick and mortar restaurants; however, most are operated by sole proprietors who rely on food truck sales as their primary source of income.

Under existing County law, food truck vendors cannot begin their sales until 9 a.m. and must complete their sales by "sunset"—the same as other vendors—unless granted a special exception for a specific event.

A public hearing on Bill 32-15 is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14.

For more details, visit

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14975](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14975)

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## 18th Annual Heritage Days Weekend!

Saturday, June 27 & Sunday, June 28, 2015

Each year, *Heritage Montgomery* hosts the annual Heritage Days Celebration on the last weekend in June. Sponsored by Heritage Montgomery since 2004, this unique, countywide festival offers visitors the opportunity to discover venues from Silver Spring to Poolesville, Bethesda to Clarksburg – and everywhere in between.

Learn about the history of dairy farming, railroads and trolleys, African-American communities, astronomy, local arts & culture, and outdoor recreation including hikes and walking tours.

Many venues offer musical entertainment, activities and crafts for children and refreshments!

See the [2015 Heritage Days brochure](#) for details, as well as a map and legend to guide you throughout the weekend!.



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## Germantown Glory Celebrates Independence Day!

Saturday, July 4  
Maryland SoccerPlex  
at South Germantown Recreational Park  
18041 Central Park Circle, Boyds



Montgomery County will again host two Independence Day fireworks displays on July 4:

### **Germantown Glory**

7:00pm - 10:00pm Live Music at 7:00pm, Fireworks at 9:15pm  
Food vendors on site.

### **Mid County Sparkles**

7:30pm - 10:30pm Live Music at 7:30pm, Fireworks at 9:15pm  
Shuttle Bus at Westfield Wheaton Plaza.

*Call at 240-777-6821 if you need more information.*

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County Executive Isiah Leggett and then County Council President Craig Rice declared that [2015 shall be the year of Montgomery County's Veterans and Their Families](#). The County is encouraging all of our residents to join us in honoring our veterans and their families for their courage and sacrifice.

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*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>